GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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RUBBERISATION OF ROADS
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trials have been made regarding laying of rubberised roads;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the amount sanctioned to the various State Governments including Maharashtra for this purpose and the amount utilised till-date;

(d) whether the Government propose to lay rubberised roads especially in the tribal and dalit dominated areas of States including Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the total expenditure expected to be incurred on it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (MAJOR GENERAL (RETI KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. The Government had carried out trials by using rubber/polymer based bitumen in selected 10 kms of National Highway No:2 in the State of U.P and results were observed for 5 years.

(c) The total amount of works sanctioned which involve use of modified bitumen on National Highways in various Statesis Rs. 31.12 crores out which Rs.6.00 crores is in the State of Maharashtra. The total amount utilized so far is Rs. 25 crores.

(d)&(e) The improvement of National Highwaysis a continuous process and a balanced approach is adopted to cover all areas including tribal and dalit dominated areas, based on traffic intensity and road conditions. In the State of Maharashtra a work amounting to Rs 1.76 crore making use of modified bitumen on a stretch of 10 Kms on NH No:3 passing through Tribal area has been approved . This expenditure is expected to be incurred by 31/3/2001.